

Consumer Welfare Fund

1027. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central assistance is being sanctioned to different States for strengthening consumer welfare fund; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the purpose during each of last three years, State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :

(a) Financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is sanctioned from the Consumer Welfare Fund to various Governmental/Non-Governmental organisations in the States/UTs for strengthening/promoting the consumer movement in the country

(b) Financial assistance under Consumer Welfare Fund commenced during 1994-95 and the amount sanctioned (State/Union Territory-wise) till June, 1996 is given in Statement attached.

STATEMENT

*Financial Assistance under Consumer Welfare Fund
State/UT-wise, during the 1994-95 to 1996-97
(June, 1996)*

S No	State/UTs	Amount sanctioned in Rs.		
		1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (upto June, 95)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	5.00.000	8.61.950	3.05.575
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
3	Assam	72.000	-	-
4	Bihar	-	1.40.000	1.20.600
5	Goa	-	-	-
6	Gujarat	11.04.250	4.76.000	-
7	Haryana	-	1.71.000	-
8	Himachal Pradesh	-	1.54.080	-
9	J and K	-	-	-
10	Karnataka	4.00.000	3.47.420	31.500
11	Kerala	-	3.87.955	-
12	Madhya Pradesh	-	64.800	-
13	Maharashtra	-	16.87.290	-
14	Manipur	-	-	-
15	Nagaland	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5
16	Mizoram	-	-	-
17	Meghalaya	-	-	22.500
18	Orissa	-	13.55.170	56.700
19	Punjab	-	-	-
20	Rajasthan	5.71.950	2.00.250	-
21	Sikkim	-	-	-
22	Tamilnadu	12.78.300	15.19.620	4.65.150
23	Tripura	-	-	-
24	Uttar Pradesh	77.400	5.62.500	2.76.300
25	West Bengal	1.25.000	93.600	-
26	A and N Islands	-	-	-
27	Chandigarh	-	67.500	-
28	D and N Haveli	-	-	-
29	Daman and Diu	-	-	-
30	Delhi	5.00.000	10.09.650	4.00.500
31	Lakshadweep	-	-	-
32	Pondicherry	-	-	-
Total		46.28.900	90.98.785	16.78.825

ILL-Effect of Cellular Phones

1028. SHRI ANAND RATAN MAURYA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign cellular phone companies alongwith details of the names and locations, which have been permitted to operate business in India.

(b) whether attention of Government have been drawn to the latest research being conducted abroad about frequent use of cellular phones and their damaging effect upon human brain.

(c) whether the Government propose to ask the Department of Health for conduction of their own check test on the use of Cellular phone and damaging effect on the human brain; and

(d) the time by which the action is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The names of the Indian companies, alongwith their foreign partners for four metro cities and Telecom Territorial Circle allotted are given in the attached Statement I and II respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) The question does not arise in view of (c) above.